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thrusting the chip using pins from a back side of the adhesive tape with the adhesive tape between the chip and the pins, and keeping the pins at a peak position for an amount of time to facilitate peeling the chip off the adhesive tape, wherein the pins do not pierce the adhesive tape;

descending a collet from the adhesive side of the adhesive tape to contact and suck the chip when the chip is peeled off the adhesive tape; and

picking the chip up by ascending the collet.

#### **REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 13 to more appropriately define aspects of their invention. By this amendment, no new matter has been added.

#### **I. Response to Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action, the Examiner required a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner alleges that claims 1-20 are directed to the following distinct combinations, characterized by the Examiner as follows:

Group I, claims 1-12 and claims 17-19, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 344;

Group II, claims 13-16 and 20, drawn to a process, classified in class 438, subclass 106+.

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on July 15, 2002, Applicants proposed regrouping claims 1-20 as follows:

Group I, claims 1-12 and claims 17-19;

Group II, claims 13-16;

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